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Japan To Be Throw Open To Businessmen

Present Quotas To Be Lifted

Tokyo, Jan. 23.

SCAP is shortly expected to announce the lifting of all quotas on the number of businessmen allowed to enter Japan, stipulating that only two representatives of each firm will be permitted at one time.

Traders, pre-war investors and Service personnel will be allowed to stay 60 days at hotels and longer if space is available, and the Japanese Board of Trade has been instructed to aid in securing Japanese houses and offices if hotel rooms are not available.

Houses and hotels, which will be all tied on a first come first serve basis, will be those relinquished by SCAP, reverting to the Japanese Government.

Families of businessmen will be allowed entry when a house residence is established. Cars may

Chiangs Ballot In The Rain

Shanghai, Jan. 23.

Comparatively more local residents cast their votes yesterday than the day before in the Legislative Yuan elections, according to the City authorities.

Apart from an incident at one polling booth in the Yangtsepo district, everything went along smoothly. A policeman had to fire in the air in Yangtsepo when a group of workers, not possessing identification cards, attempted to secure ballots from the booth supervisor. The elections end at noon today.

In Nanking, President and Madame Chiang Kai-shek cast their votes yesterday amid heavy rain. They balloted behind a specially set-up screen.

The appearance of China's first couple caught pressmen and photographers napping as the majority of these had given up their vigil and had gone elsewhere in the belief that the President and Madame Chiang would not vote because of the pouring rain.—Reuter.

TIGER MENACE IN AMOY AREA

Amoy, Jan. 23.

Air officials landing in Amoy were informed today that tigers have killed 20 peasants in recent months and killed more than 80 in the past year.—United Press.

Devaluation Of The Franc Approved

Paris, Jan. 23.

A Finance Ministry source said the International Monetary Fund in Washington announced its approval today of the French Government's plan to devalue the franc despite strong British objections.

The Cabinet met in a special session today. It announced in a communique afterwards that the meeting was held to inform Government of the approval of the IMF and to send final instructions to the fiscal expert, M. Pierre Mendes-France, Franco's representative to the International Monetary Fund.

Government sources indicated that free trading in gold is planned in an attempt to entice into Government coffers the millions of gold-louis supposedly

TSINGTAO COAL FAMINE

Tsinthao, Jan. 23.

The coal shortage has become so acute that power will be supplied only four hours daily between 5:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. in the city, it was announced today.

After the Tsinthao was torpedoed, he was ordered to the conning tower and was told to the survivors to board the submarine one by one. Their hands were tied and they were told they would be shot if they looked back after being sent to the foredeck. The captain, radio operator, engineer, officer and four other men and a woman were taken below decks where they were questioned and one by one were led back to the back to the dock where they were shot dead.—Associated Press.

CASTLE PEAK ACCIDENT

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The man is believed to have been seriously injured in a traffic accident at Castle Peak. He was brought to Hong Kong and landed at Blake Pier, where a waiting ambulance took him to the Queen Mary Hospital.

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GRIM TALE OF HOLLYWOOD ROAD FIRE

A "leaky" electric switch in a cockloft, filled with joss paper, was believed to be instrumental in destroying 16 tenement apartments in Hollywood Road and killing a woman, a boy and three young girls on Christmas night.

This was revealed yesterday at Central Magistracy in its history, returned a verdict of death due to conflagration, with Mr. F. X. d'Almada concurring.

Lam Shui-yin (35-year-old married woman) tenant of No. 213, Hollywood Road, source of the fire, told the Court that she heard a neighbour telling about smoke rising from her back premises, as she was eating cakes with five others outside the shop on the ground floor.

She went inside to investigate and saw the cockloft on fire. The folks tried to extinguish it but in vain. The alarm was raised. The fire spread very rapidly, witness said.

A general evacuation of others in the opposite apartments was ordered and another alarm sent in.

He was informed by Police that as far as they knew no one had called for aid. Witness said that it was impossible for anyone to survive in the fire for more than a few seconds. A dog on a first floor verandah was roasted alive within a few minutes.

Within 30 minutes of his arrival, the doors and roofs had collapsed and the fire was only put under control at 11.45 p.m.

Not Insured

Her property was not insured she added, saying also that no body slept in the cockloft.

Mr. H. Tipplind, Division Officer of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade, said that at 10.45 p.m. on Christmas night he received an alarm and went to Hollywood Road with two engines, to see two buildings already in flames which were so fierce the opposite stalls were set on fire. Four fire fighters were sent to the Queen Mary Hospital with burns.

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Bonus Issue Of Rice

In addition to flour rationing at the period from January 26th to the end of the month, a bonus issue of Siam rice for Chinese New Year will be made at the same time of 32 catties per person at 48 cents a catty.

Escape Blocked

The buildings were old and he was of opinion as a result of inquiries that the fire was caused by a short circuit in the cockloft of No. 213, Hollywood Road. This, however, he said, could not be established as all evidence was destroyed.

Lau Tin, father and husband of two deceased, said he was sleeping in his quarters on the third floor when he heard cries of "save life." He woke up and saw fire on the balcony and kitchen of his room. He tried to save his wife and child, Lau Nui (5 months) through an exit to the roof but was blocked by frantic people. He tried to escape through the next building but again was thwarted.

Witness said that he fell into the street below and was sent to hospital. He did not see his family and assumed they must have been burned. Dr. On Guan Bee, medical officer of the Queen Mary Hospital, said that he examined a boy of three who had a laceration on the scalp and was bleeding through the nose and ears. He had burns on both legs, and the thigh of one was fractured. The boy died in the early morning hours of Dec. 26.

Dr. Gould, Victoria Prison doctor, said he examined four charred bodies on Dec. 29. All were females and they had died from burns.

The deceased were Yau Cheung (34) married woman, Lau Nui, (5), Lam Sau-chun (9), Cheng Chui-har (14), and Cheng San-kui (3).

Conflict "Acute"

LAKE SUCCESS, JAN. 23. THE PAKISTAN-INDIAN CONFLICT HAS REACHED A "VERY ACUTE CRISIS," PAKISTAN SAID TONIGHT.

The situation "may necessitate military action on the part of Pakistan" if the United Nations Security Council does not act quickly, Pakistan Foreign Minister Sir Mohammad Zafrullah Khan wrote President Ferdinand von Langenhan of the Council. He said Pakistan forces might be needed to relieve the Moslem population of Junagadh state, at present under Indian Army occupation. The note was dated Jan. 20.—Associated Press.

Reminders

Today

Royal Naval Yard Canteen Buffet Dance, St. John's Ambulance Brigade H.Qs., Tai Hang Road, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Boys' Scouts Association Bazaar, Murray Parade Ground, 2.30 p.m.

Burke's Dinner of H.K. St. Andrew's Society, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m. "Maulud Sharif," celebration of birthday of Holy Prophet Muhammed, Mosque, Shelly Street, 8 p.m.

China Philatelic Association Exhibition, St. Francis Hotel, Annual Race Meeting, Fourth Day, Happy Valley, 12 noon.

Coming Events

TOMORROW "Khan" Celebration commemorating birthday anniversary of the Holy Prophet, Muslim Mosque, Shelly Street, 8 p.m.

MONDAY Northumbrian and Durham Association meeting, SCM, Fort Board Room, 8 p.m.

Whilst had been hoping that Snow, disguised as Roger, was just coming out of Roger's home, Roger was staring at him in surprise and anger. "And in the background was Jenny."

Burma Envoy Here



Burma became an independent nation on Jan. 4, 1948. One of the first diplomatic posts abroad was given to British-educated U. Maung Myint Thein, O.B.E., M.A., LL.B. (Cantab).

He arrived in Hong Kong on Wednesday en route to Nanking to assume the post of Ambassador to China. Photo above, taken at Kai Tak, shows (left to right) Mr. Y. Lin, representative of the Chinese Special Commission (Foreign Affairs) for Kwang-

tung-Kwangsi, U. Maung Myint Thein, the Burmese Ambassador, Migs. V. M. Brightwhite and Mr. William Norwood Collison, the latter being of the Hong Kong office of the International Refugee Organisation, Far East—China Mail Photo.

LOIS FEARON'S STORY OF BAYONETTING OF TROOPS AT SHAUKIWAN

That she saw Canadian troops and R.A.M.C. orderlies bayoneted by the Japanese on a hillside at Shaukiwan was stated in evidence by Miss Lois Fearon at yesterday's session of the trial of Lt.-Gen. Ito Takeo.

Members of the Court, Counsel, interpreters and witnesses spent the greater part of yesterday visiting the scene of atrocities committed by Japanese in December, 1941.

Today the court will visit the Salesian Mission, Lyceum and St. Stephen's College. Hearing will be resumed on Monday when the Defence Counsel will start cross-examination of Major-General Tanaka. This cross-examination and the re-examination is expected to take up the greater part of Monday.

Miss Lois Fearon stated that on Dec. 19, 1941, when the Japanese invaded the island, she was in charge of civilians at the First Aid Post at the Salesian Mission at Shaukiwan.

At this post there were members of the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, V.N.S., Canadian Army Medical Corps and R.A.M.C.

She had under her charge a European A.N.S. an Indian nurse, four Chinese nurse and one Canadian soldier and eight Chinese of St. John's Ambulance.

When the Japanese arrived all in the Mission were ordered to be lined up in front of the building. The men and women were later separated. This was about 8 a.m. and they had just been bayoneted by the wounded, the wounded, two Canadian soldiers and three Chinese civilians, when the Japanese came. There were no other patients in the post.

The Japanese stopped the truck and dumped the occupants out on the ground. The Canadians and the R.A.M.C. personnel were later taken away to the hillside. She saw them bayoneted and those who tried to get away were shot.

Witness said that she, Mrs. Timon, Miss M. Safford and the nurses together with Dr. Tsang were then taken to the fort where they were made to wait outside for nearly an hour.

Witness stated that the First Aid Post had a large Red Cross flag on top of the building.

CASTLE PEAK ACCIDENT

Will any person, who can give information concerning a traffic accident which took place at Castle Peak near the 8th Milestone, Tsui Wan, at 4.30 p.m. on Monday, between a motor lorry and a 15-cwt. chocolate coloured "Chevrolet" fitted with a canopy, please inform any Police Station.

SOVIET MISSION IN U.K.

London, Jan. 22.

Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, announced in the House of Commons today that a Soviet purchasing mission is expected to arrive in Britain shortly to order Soviet requirements under the Anglo-Soviet trade agreement.—Reuters.

THE QUEEN'S REGT.

Southampton, Jan. 23.

After 21 years' service in the Near and Far East, the First Battalion Queen's Royal Regiment arrived at Southampton today in the liner STRATHNAVER, from Kuro.

The STRATHNAVER brought home a total of 3,500 serving men and families.

ARGUMENT ON RIGHTS OF A LANDLORD

The question of whether a derivative landlord, who allegedly expended \$15,000 on the repairs of a house in return for a three-years lease on the premises at a monthly rental of \$100, is entitled to include the capital outlay into his rent (payable to the landlord) when calculating the rentals chargeable against his sub-tenants was raised by Mr. A. S. C. Comber before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Mr. Comber was appearing for the defense of Chan King-hi and Wan Kwok-man, derivative landlords of 124 Yee Kuk Street, on 11 summonses of overcharging rents, one of failing to give a receipt to a sub-tenant, one of failing to give to the sub-tenant written notice of rent payable, and two of failing to affix notices of rent payable to the landlord.

It was alleged by Dr. Inspector C. T. Byron, Secretary for Chinese Affairs, that when he visited the second floor in Oct. 27 last, he found that the four sub-tenants were paying a total of \$255 per month as rents. There was no notice affixed on the walls.

On Nov. 12, said Mr. Byron, he visited the ground and first floors and found that the rents paid were \$220 and \$251.50, respectively. Again, in the case of the first floor, occupied by seven sub-tenants, there was no notice of principal rent affixed.

The total amount for the three floors was \$720.50. Receipts were issued by Chan King-hi, said witness, who added that he was told at the Treasury that the assessment for the premises was \$700 for a period of ten months, or \$70 per month. In 1941, it was \$500 for the same period.

Agreement

When interviewed by him in the S.C.A., first defendant said that he had an agreement with the owner of the house to effect the necessary repairs in return for which he would be given the use of the house at a monthly rental of \$100. He was, furthermore, entitled to collect the rents from the sub-tenants, and to let after the premises generally.

Chan stated that the total cost of the repairs amounted to \$15,000.

The second defendant told him that, although a contracting party in the agreement, he had nothing more to do with it as, being of the opinion that he would not get any return on the money expended on the reconstruction, he sold his interests to Chan King-hi.

In reply to Mr. Comber, witness declared that a building contractor, after having been shown the state of the building prior to reconstruction, told him that the work could be done for \$4,000.

He agreed with defence that, should the figure of \$15,000 be accepted, then the total rental payable by defendants for the three-year contract, would be \$6,200 per annum.

Mr. Byron further agreed with Mr. Comber that, with the exception of the ground floor, rents paid by the sub-tenants were inclusive of water and electricity charges.

Ng Hung, partner in a building contractors firm, declared that he was approached by a woman called Li Fong, who claimed to be acting on behalf of the owner, for an estimate on the cost of repairing 124 Yee Kuk Street.

He was prepared to undertake the job for \$4,000, he said, but was counter-offered \$2,000 c.d.

In reply to Mr. Comber, witness said that he had over 20 years' experience in the trade. He had not done any reconstruction work on a three-storey building after the re-occupation but had changed old-type wooden buildings into reinforced concrete premises.

Further hearing will take place at 2.15 p.m. on Feb. 5.

STAUNTON STREET EXCITEMENT

Staunton Street, in which a large number of nurseries are located, presented an amusing sight shortly after 4 p.m. yesterday, as the incessant hundreds of bareheaded Chinese men rushing into the street carrying blankets and items of wearing apparel.

Cause of the excitement was a chimney fire at No. 6 Staunton Street, which was extinguished without difficulty. The Police Emergency Van and two fire engines were rushed to the scene.

POLICE PHONES

Notification has now been received from the Police that their correct telephone numbers will be found in the last issue of the Telephone Directory and not in the new issue.

STARVING JAPANESE OFFICIAL VERSION

The following statement on the position of Japanese defence counsel and interpreters at the Australian war crimes court in Kowloon was issued by HQ Land Forces yesterday:

"Japanese Defence Counsel and Court Interpreters are employed with all War Crimes Courts. Contracts for their employment are entered into in Japan and the Japanese Government accepts full responsibility for payments under their contracts. A number of Defence Counsel and Court Interpreters are employed by both British and Australian War Crimes Courts in Hong Kong. Rations are issued on a basic scale, laid down for all Japanese surrendered personnel, and there has been no failure in the issue of rations. In addition a monthly allowance is given, which is on issue by both British and Australian Courts."

"As soon as the matter was represented, temporary arrangements were made to ensure that Japanese Counsel operating in the Australian and British War Crime Courts were on the same financial basis, until the matter was clarified."

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ALLEGED SABOTAGE OF GOVERNMENT FISHERIES

Quarrel Over A Tap

Ip Hing (34) and Chek Tip (17) are both employed by the same shop at 272 Lai Chi Kok Road.

On Thursday evening, they both wanted to use the water tap, but as neither would permit the other to have first use, a quarrel ensued.

In the end, the elder got rattled over the "check" of the young folk, but instead of cooling his opponent down, he took up a bucket of salt water and poured it over Chek.

Chek was sent to Kowloon Hospital with burns on his face and the left side of the chest.

The incident was narrated by Sub-Inspector J. S. Howarth when Ip stood in the dock yesterday charged with causing grievous bodily harm.

The Magistrate warned defendant of the serious consequences which might have resulted from his rash act, and fined him \$150 or two months' hard labour.

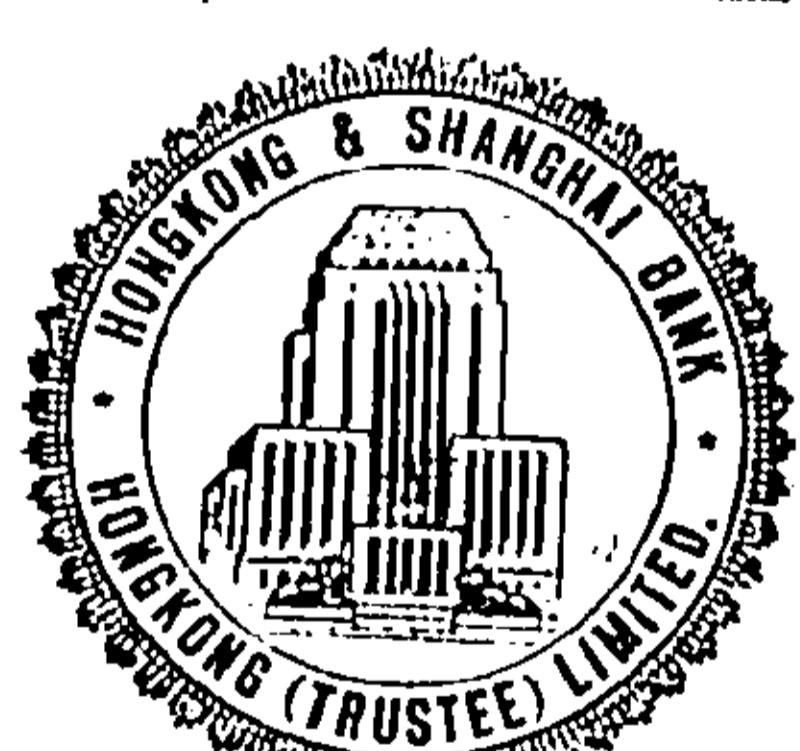
Gold Case: Defendant Absent

Failing to appear at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Wu Sun had his bail of \$1000 extended by Mr. J. G. Conkin.

Defendant should have appeared on a charge of importing gold without a permit from the I. & E. department. The gold was brought into Hong Kong on board the M. J. "Sang Tai Le" on which defendant is the compradore. R. O. Humphreys discovered the 46 slabs of gold in a false side of the craft whilst making a routine search on its arrival from Macao. The gold is valued at \$800,000.

Mr. E. H. Sainsbury was for the prosecution.

Lisbon, Jan. 22. King Leopold of Belgium, with his wife and family, left here on board the Sunnedick today on his way to Havana, where he will spend a holiday.—Reuters.



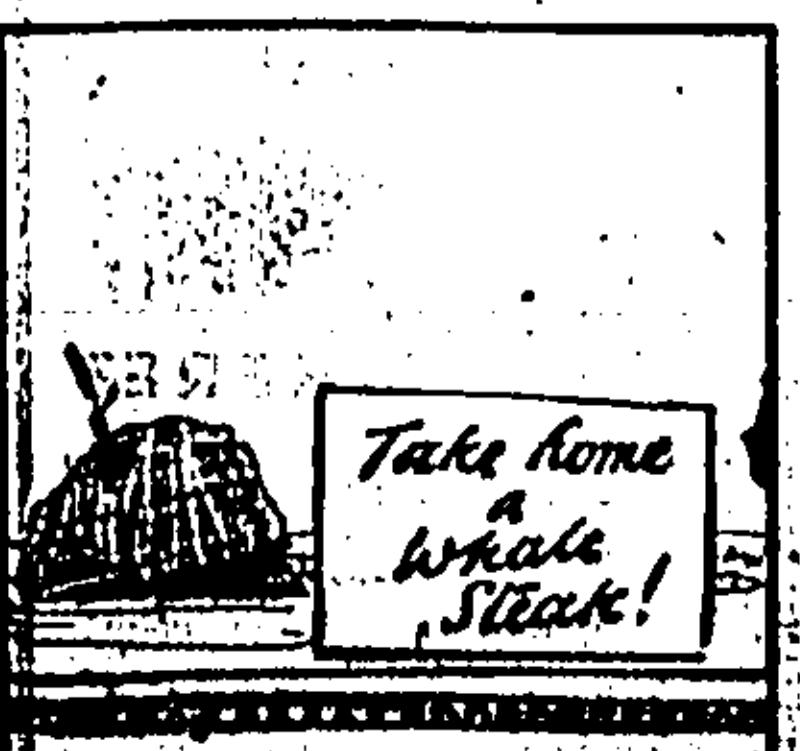
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Licenced Dealers Appear In Court

Central Magistracy yesterday became a scene of unprecedented activity when what was described by Senior Police Superintendent F. W. W. Shafatian, OBE, as sabotage of the Government fisheries scheme came before Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Thirty-two licensed fish dealers were hauled in last Wednesday by DSI J. Johnson, DSI V. Morrison and PCD In Muk after a week's observation.

Seven were detained and 23 on bail ranging from \$2,500 to \$1,000. All were charged with conspiring to sell salt water fish unlawfully. Two were discharged, and three, who pleaded not guilty, were remanded for a week. The others were each fined \$1,000 or three months' imprisonment.

Mr. Shafatian, prosecuting, said though he was asking for a serious view to be taken he would not press for imprisonment because all defendants had volunteered to help the police in the investigation of the "corrupt Government servants" involved in this matter.

Outline the case, he said that practically all the defendants were members of the pre-war "Fish Laans". After the liberation, the Government took over and fish could only be sold through Government auction.

Three months after this change, defendants resumed business, buying all salt water fish from fishing junks, to which they had lent \$1,500,000 for the business. This, defendants said, was the only way to get back their money.

Bribery Necessary

To continue their business smoothly, Mr. Shafatian said, it was necessary to bribe Government servants and the accounts of the booklets revealed \$9,000 were spent monthly on this "squeeze". The "Ilop Yick" had tallymen at the various landing places at Aberdeen and Cheung Chau, who collected fish, paying 75 cents per basket and \$1.50 per tub. Money from this "duty" went to the "Squeeze Department".

Mr. Shafatian said that the Government only receives about 70 piculs daily, and eight per cent from the auction proceeds. But on January 22, he pointed out, 290 piculs were collected. The average collection would be from 300 to 320 piculs. Government thus lost about \$3,000 daily.

Fines within the amount of bail would be appropriate, Mr. Shafatian concluded, to serve as a warning to others.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ, defending 11 of the defendants, pleaded guilty. He requested a small fine on the ground that defendants would assist Police in dealing with the "corrupt Government servants."

"It is appalling to see Government depriving people of their right and vested interests," Mr. Russ said. Defendants were carrying on a practice which

lacks imagination and sympathy, and I hope somebody with sympathy can be found to come to an understanding to return part of the \$2,000,000," he added, "and safeguard their business."

"Of course, I must not mention politics," said Mr. Russ, "and it is extremely unlikely that a Conservative Government would allow people to be treated so unconscionably."

Mr. A.S.K. Lau, defending Yuen Wai-kwan, pleaded guilty. Saying he could not add more to Mr. Russ's plea, he asked for a small fine, in the nature of a warning. His client, Mr. Lau, added, would assist the Police in their screening of the "corrupt Government servants" involved.

Defiance Of Law

Mr. Shafatian told the Court the practice had been going on for nearly two years and the Government had lost several hundred thousand dollars.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada said: "The marketing scheme as set up by the Government is mainly, if I can recollect, to have a control over fish and vegetables in the colony."

The scheme was set up for the purpose of defeating the system set up for the control of fish as in this case and the system goes further—and has defrauded the Government of revenue.

It is regretted that the members of the Fish Laans have such a large amount outstanding by way of loans to fishermen, but the fact remains that the scheme set up by them goes further than the mere defeat of the Government scheme. It is so done in defiance to the law."

INDIANS' BAD LUCK

Adelaide, Jan. 23. Touching on the Indian cricket team's tour during a Legacy Club luncheon today, Don Bradman commented the weather and the bad luck experienced by the Indians.

"The Australian Board of Control had asked the Indians to cover the wickets at my instigation," Don Bradman said, "because I thought wet wickets would affect their chances and also the tour finances."

"They refused and this has probably cost them thousands of pounds".—Reuters.

DIED ON WAY TO THE HOSPITAL

A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was returned by Mr. W. H. Latimer yesterday at the conclusion of an inquest into the death of Chow Chi-yuen, 57, merchant, late of 466 Reclamation Street, first floor, to the Kwong Wah Hospital on Nov. 15 last.

Det. Sub-Inspector J. R. Sykes appeared for the Police.

It was stated that at 7.30 p.m. on Nov. 15 last, the driver of a car (neither of which could be located by the Police) conveyed the deceased from an unknown spot to outside 466 Reclamation Street.

Jonah!



King's Abdication



Dr. Petru Groza, Rumanian Prime Minister, is seen reading the abdication act to King Michael at Bucharest. The King abdicated because conditions in Rumania do not allow of a monarchical constitution. Following the King's abdication, Rumania was proclaimed a popular republic. (A.P. Photo.)

PROFITEERS TELL THE SAME OLD STORY

The same tale of ignorance and of a folk's fault was the plea of 11 profiteers, brought up before Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central Magistracy by Mr. P. G. Pitman of the Price Control Section.

The alternative of one month's closure or \$500 was given to Kwan Kim Sing, of Pak Wai Medicine Company (G23, Queen's Road Central) for selling one 30 cc Calci-Ostelin at \$14.50 (\$13.60).

D. B. Cheung of Kwong Tai, 94, Des Voeux Road, Central, was fined \$200 for selling a tin of Nestle's malted milk at \$2.50 (\$2.20).

Lee Ying of Cheung Lee, 395, Queen's Road West, was fined \$100 for selling a cake of Cashmere Bouquet soap at \$1.40 (\$1.35).

Wong Hon of On Kee, 60 Des Voeux Road Central, was fined \$75 for selling a cake of Cashmere Bouquet soap at \$1.30 (85 cents).

Ny Sau Ki of Wong Wo, 174, Hennessy Road, was fined \$75 for selling a cake of Majestic soap at \$1.00 (80 cents).

Tom Wai of Luen Wah, 588, Queen's Road, West, was fined \$75 for selling a bottle of Bonet at \$1.30 (\$1.15).

Ma Yin of Kun Kee Noodle Market, 17, Gage Street, was fined \$50 for selling a catty of plain noodles at 70 cents (60 cents).

Young Sap of Pitch No. 1, Li Yuen Street, West, was fined \$350 for selling half a pound of knitting wool at \$10.00 (\$8.50).

Another One Returns

Cheong Shing, 24, a life banisher, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour and recommended for re-deportation by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when he pleaded guilty to having returned from banishment.

Inspector J. Orem informed the Court that the prosecution was prepared to accept accused's changed plea of not guilty to the count of being a member of the Lun Ying Triad Society.

When Cheong appeared in Court on Thursday it was stated that he admitted to being a member of that society. In the dock he denied having made such an admission and the case was remanded for 24 hours.

RADIO

ZBW Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 843 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2.00 p.m., and 6.00 to 11.00 p.m., and also on 9.52 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 6.30 to 7.30 and 9.00 to 11.00 p.m. H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.52 p.m.—"Le Beau Danube"; Waltz Music (Johann Strauss); London Philharmonic Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Songs by Harold Williams (Baritone).
1.15 p.m.—Weather Report and News Broadcastments.

1.25 p.m.—Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—Stalwart Andy Hidalgo and His Orchestra.

2.00 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "Much Binding in the Marsh".

6.30 p.m.—A Light Orchestral Programme and Winnie Melville (Baritone).
7.00 p.m.—London Relay: World and Home News.

7.15 p.m.—Studios: "Golf", "Golf", "Golf"; Linda Carter Calling H.M.S. "Tamar"; 81, Mesa.

8.15 p.m.—Studios: "See Tee"; Soccer Commentary; South China V. Navy.

8.30 p.m.—Interlude.

9.00 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "The Land", A Story from the Little Town (South Africa) by Pauline Smith.

9.10 p.m.—Weather Report.

9.15 p.m.—Studios: "How to run a Brain Trust" by Donald McLaughlin (BBC); Urals Trust Quiz Master.

9.30 p.m.—BBC Transcription Service: "Temples and the Treasury Affairs"; "The Professors"; "The Chinese".

10.00 p.m.—London Relay: Radio News.

10.15 p.m.—"Wharf" and "Dance Music".

10.30 p.m.—"Golf" (cont.).

Illegal Radio Charge

"I heard no noise and they were seldom in the cubicle. Even when they were there they had the door locked so that I could not see inside. How was I to know they were operating an illegal radio transmitting and receiving set?" asked Pun Wan Yuk when she appeared at the Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of allowing radio communications to be operated on her premises.

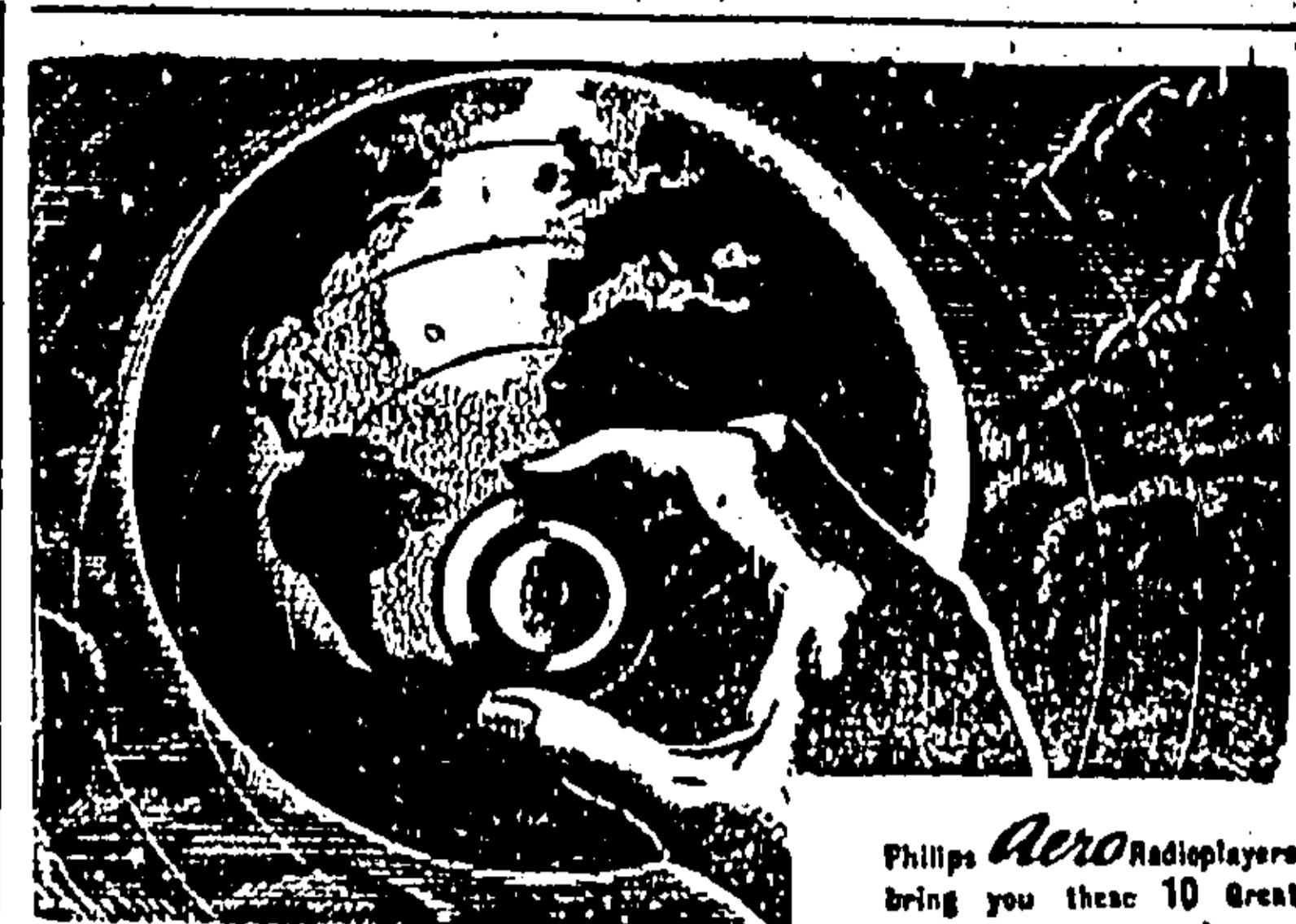
Appearing at the same time were Chan Kam Wan and Wan Kam Ching. Chan was charged with using a radio transmitter without a licence and being in possession of a radio transmitter without a licence.

Wong was charged with maintaining an unlicensed radio communication set.

Chan admitted both charges but said that it was not his set. He was employed only three days ago by a man who had since left for Canton.

Wong denied the charge.

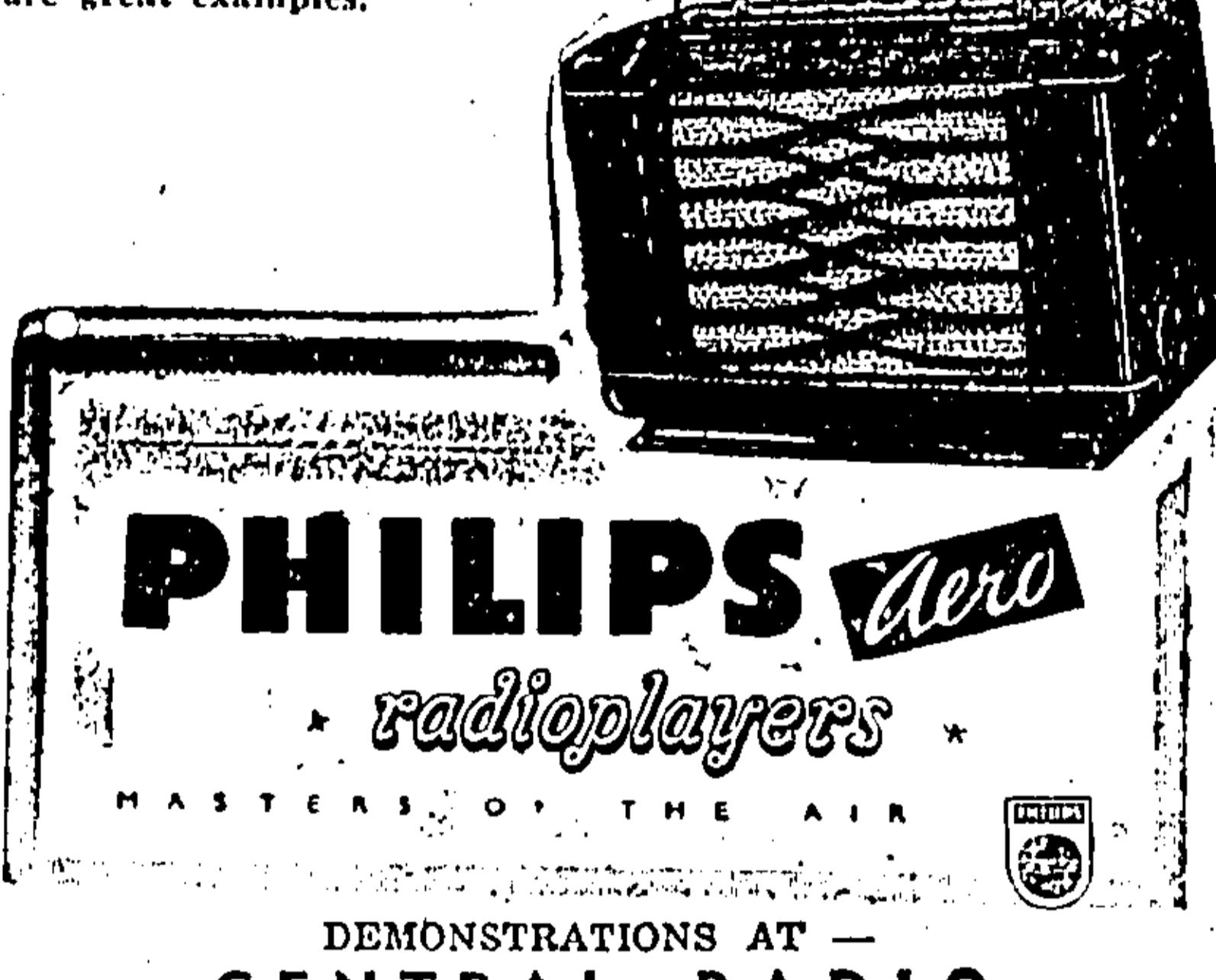
The case was adjourned until today at this stage owing to the absence of a radio expert to give evidence.



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Road and clockwise by Wong
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ONE WAY STREETS.

The following roads will be
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from 10 a.m. to 6.30 p.m. on
Race days:

(a) Tin Lok Lane open to
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(b) Wong Nei Chung Road
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only.

(c) Queen's Road East from
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(b) Officials of Race Meet-
ing: South of Public
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road.

(c) Village Road: all
vehicles.

(d) King Kwong Street: all
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(e) Yuk San Street: all
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V. WALKER,
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21st January, 1948.

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NEW INDONESIAN SNAGS

Good Offices Committee Asked To Return Clarification In Dispute

Elizabeth's Income Tax

London, Jan. 22.

The British Treasury has
ruled that Princess Elizabeth
and Prince Philip each
will pay income tax on only
£2,000 of the money they
get from the country. The
remainder is understood to
have been classed as ex-
penses.—United Press.

Lifting Ban On Tourist Travel

London, Jan. 23.

During a speech in the House
of Commons, Mr. Ernest Bevin,
announced the relaxation of the
ban on tourist travel. He hoped
in the early summer to provide
arrangements without in-
volving us in expenditure of
gold and dollars. He hoped to
publish in March a list of coun-
tries in which travel would be
allowed.

Travel should be resumed by
May 1.

He was anxious to create
conditions in which the peoples
of countries could associate and
he knew of no better way of
serving that end than by tourist
travel. "We are not merely
catering for people with lots
of money," he said. "Adults
will be allowed £35 and children
£25 yearly. Travel is no
longer the privilege of a few."

Mr. Bevin said an explanation
was expected "very shortly."

Reuter despatches from Batavia
said the Republicans had ac-
cepted the six principles on Monday
"subject to the minutes" of the
Jogjakarta meeting.

The Dutch had not seen this
clarification when both parties
met to begin work tomorrow on a
substantive settlement for Indonesia.

The Dutch Minister of Overseas
Territories, Mr. J. A. Jonckman, told
the Dutch Parliament today that
the Netherlands Government con-
sidered itself bound only by the six
points drawn up by the good offices
committee at the Hague, reported.</

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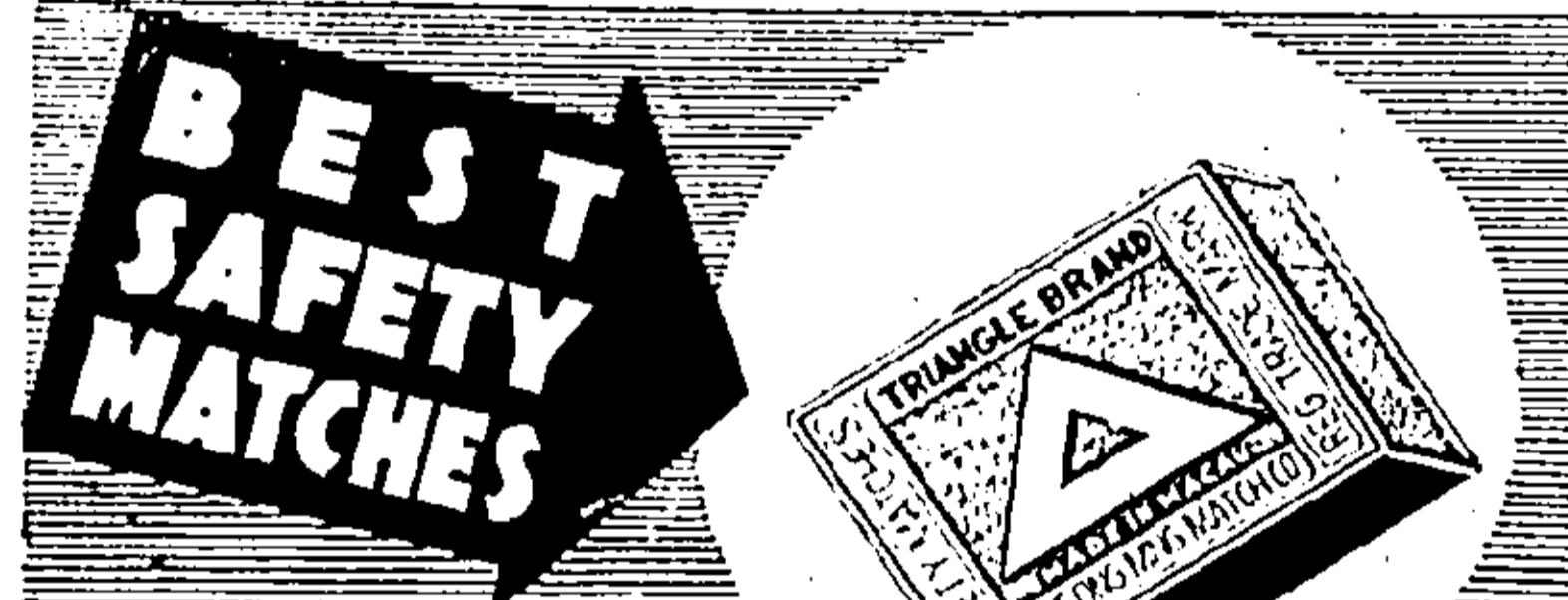
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TWENTY-THREE KILLED

Bitter Feud Continues In Palestine

Ambushes On The Tel-Aviv Road

Arabs today pulled seven Jewish special policemen from a truck at Yazur, stabbed and beat them to death, dragged their bodies through the streets and threw them into an orange grove. It was one of the most vicious attacks since the partition of the Holy Land was decided on.

Russia's Worldwide Campaign

Washington, Jan. 22.

William J. Donovan, head of the wartime Office of Strategic Services, testified today before the Senate Committee that Russia has launched a worldwide "subversive war" which must be countered with a strengthened Marshall plan.

Donovan said the Russians have established a world network keyed to "the saboteur, traitor and hidden enemy."

Donovan added that a "shooting war" with Russia is not inevitable but the Soviets have already gained "great success" by exploiting misery and hunger.

"There is a phase of war other than shooting... and this war is in progress. It is being waged by Russia but not by the Red Army. It is being waged by the Communist Party of Russia and fifth columns throughout the world." —United Press.

Persistent reports in Beirut, Lebanon, said that thousands of Arabs from Syria and the Lebanon had filtered into Palestine, but only to prepare bases for bigger action to follow.

The Jews killed three Arabs before being overwhelmed. Another Jew was killed and three wounded when Arabs attacked a Tel-Aviv-bound convoy seven miles from Jerusalem.

In all-Jewish Tel-Aviv, Jews attacked three Poles and killed one. The Poles were suspected of being Arab spies. A mob attacked the Poles as the Jewish defense army, Haganah, tried to arrest them.

An Arab was killed and two others seriously wounded by snipers between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv. Another Jewish convoy was ambushed near Jerusalem, but there was no immediate report of casualties.

Twenty-four Arabs, gaoled on charges of having illegal arms, announced that they would "fast to death" unless the British released them before they starved.

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23 Dead

Twenty-three people—eight Jews and 15 Arabs were reported killed in a flare-up on the main Jerusalem to Tel Aviv road.

Twelve Arabs were killed when Jews ambushed an Arab bus near the spot where the Arabs attacked the Jewish lorry.

A Jewish convoy, travelling from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv, was ambushed outside Jerusalem, and Jewish sources reported one Jew killed and a Jewess wounded.

The intelligence service of Haganah was quoted by a Jewish Agency spokesman at a press conference in Jerusalem today for reports that 500 armed Lebanese and 600 Syrians had "infiltrated" across the northern Palestine frontier and have joined the Arab irregular forces.

Mrs. Golda Myserson, head of the Jewish Agency's Political Department, left Palestine by air today for the United States on a mission to mobilize American Jewry and to seek all possible aid for Zionist Palestine.—Reuter and United Press.

BEEF EXPORTS

Melbourne, Jan. 22. Queensland produced a record of more than 100,000 tons of beef worth about £5,500,000 during 1947, of which nearly 90,000 tons were exported. Three-fourths of Australia's beef exports this year will come from Queensland, but the full impact of the 1946 drought will cripple exports in the 1950-51 seasons.—United Press.

Nanking Conference

Nanking, Jan. 23. A military and political conference reviewing the overall situation prevailing in the country at present will be called by President Chiang Kai-shek early in February, it was learned here today.

The conference will be attended by all the directors of the President's headquarters in China and other military leaders.—Reuter.

Britain's Gain In Malaya

New York, Jan. 22. The "New York Times" in a leading article today on the signing of the agreements between the Malay Sultan and the British Government, establishing a Federation of Malaya, said:

"We believe history will record that Britain has gained more than she has lost, as she did in freeing India and Burma."

Britain should gain a goodwill that should be far more important than the years ahead than any political or economic advantage she might be able to hold briefly for force against the tide of nationalism that is now flowing through the Far East."

The "New York Times" added that enlightened English rule, which had given Malaya a higher rate of literacy than the most of Asia, should make a solution of the Federation's problems easier.—Reuter.

Race Ruling In Oklahoma

Norman, Oklahoma, Jan. 22. The University of Oklahoma must either admit Ada Lois Sipuel Fisher, 22-year-old negro, to its School of Law until a separate negro law school be established, or close the University law school to new students. District Judge Justin Hinshaw ruled today.

Judge Hinshaw gave his ruling after the United States Supreme Court ordered the State to provide equal and immediate educational facilities for the girl, who sought unsuccessfully to enrol in 1946. Mixed classes are prohibited by the Oklahoma State Constitution.—Associated Press.

Bee Expert Dies At 95

London, Jan. 22. George Bennett, retired Mitcham Surrey postman, who claimed to have cured himself of rheumatism over 25 years ago by letting his bees sting him, died today aged 95.

He claimed to be England's oldest bee keeper and was always called by the police to collect swarms from any public place. While boxing a swarm in a tree at Carshalton last Summer he slipped on the trunk on which he was standing and disturbed the bees. "But not one of them stung me," he said.—Reuter.

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General Offensive In Greece

Athens, Jan. 22. A "general offensive" was reported under way today in Northern Greece with elements of six divisions attacking the guerrillas.

Guerrilla positions in the Arden area, 60 miles northwest of Salonika, and eight miles south of the Yugoslav border, were reported overrun after several hours of fierce fighting.

A number who had been forcibly recruited were reported to have surrendered.

Simultaneously, another large scale operation was launched in the Nestorion region in the Grammos mountains southwest of Kastoria.

Guerrilla losses were described as "considerable" and they were "crushed". Scores of caves were found containing arms, ammunition and food.

Seventy "Communists" were arrested in Larissa, police announced.—Associated Press.

Navies Of The Future

Washington, Jan. 22. Admiral Louis E. Denfeld, chief of Naval Operations, today predicted that the Navy of the future would fire heavy guided missiles from the decks of its ships.

He said firings from the deck of the carrier Midway had proved that this could be done.

"The relatively short range of the guided missile becomes a trans-oceanic missile when launched from a ship," Adm Denfeld said. "If in the future our ships are able to use these weapons in quantity, the effect will be felt at any point in navigable waters." —United Press.

WINDSOR WANTS CIVIC CENTRE

Windsor, Jan. 22. Windsor Borough Council wants the War Office to de-requisition the Imperial Service College, which is now being used as an A.T.S. Officer cadet training unit.

The Council hopes to establish a civic centre there.—Reuter.

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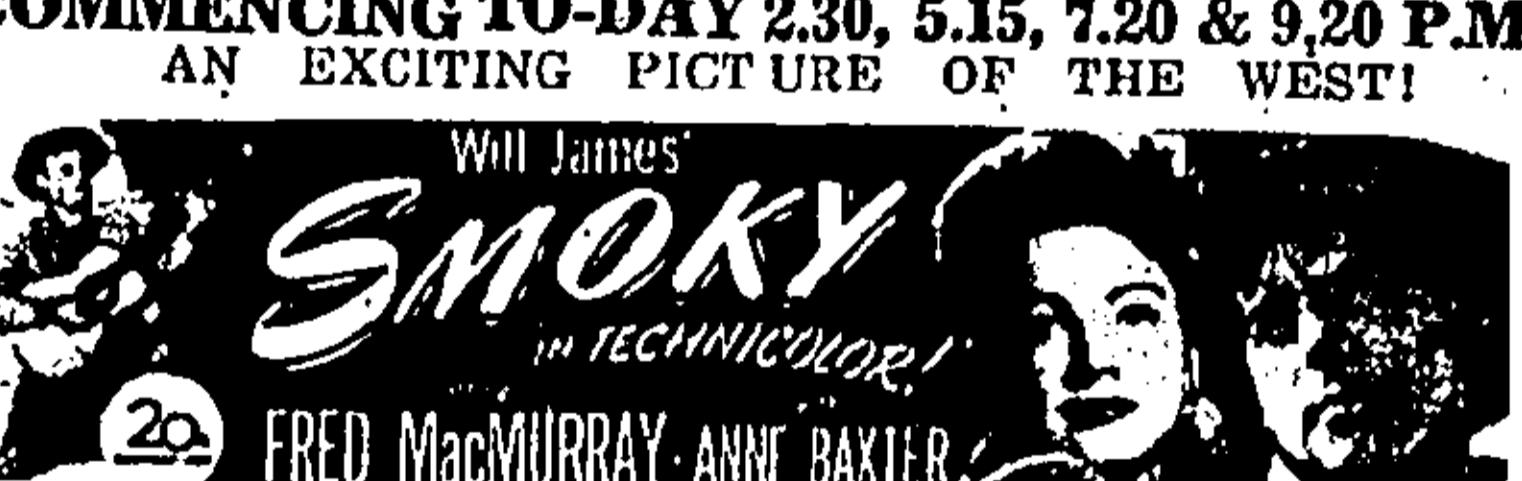
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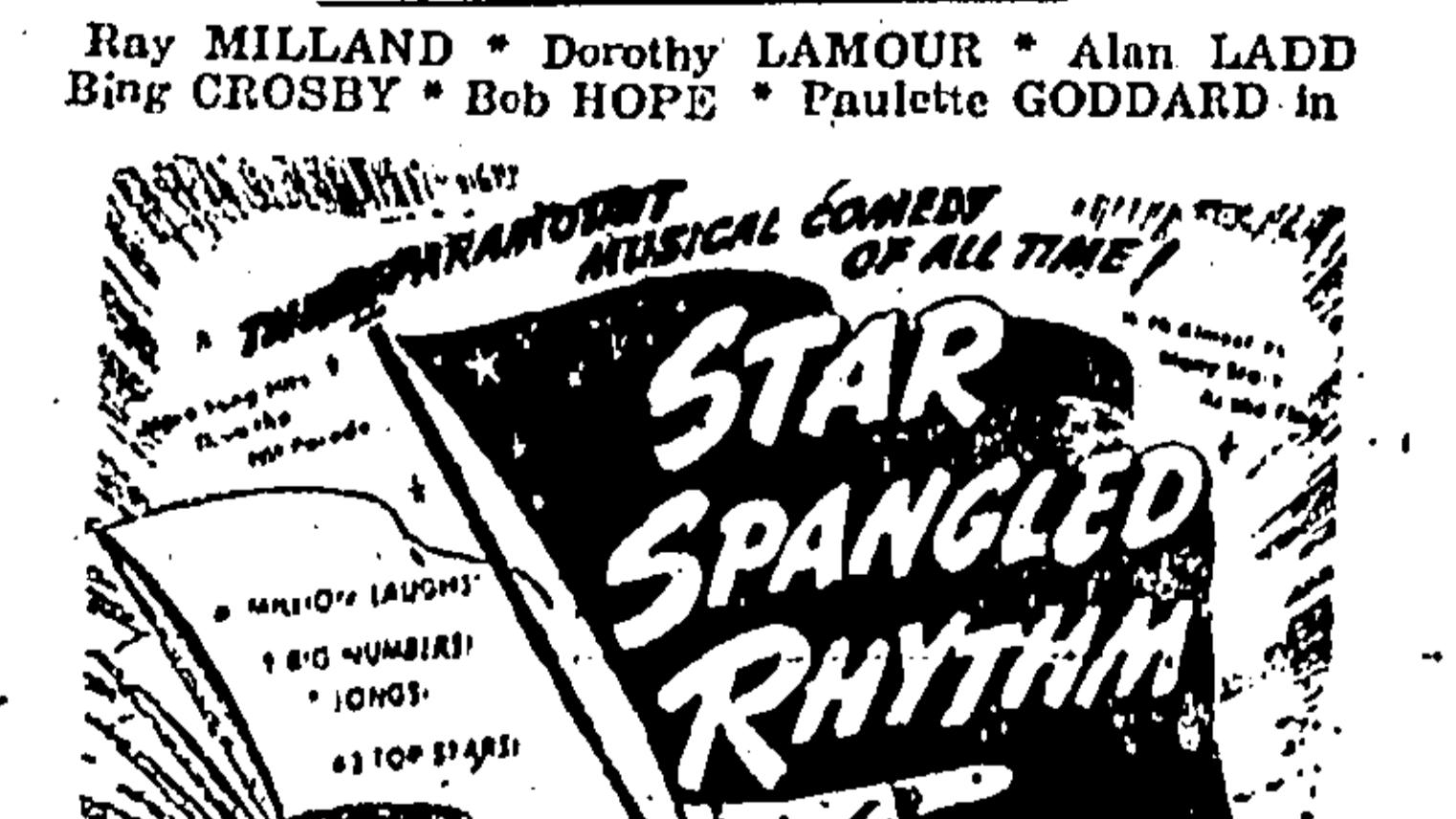
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WAGES AND PRICES

As wages and prices are, or soon will be, the major internal problem in every country in the world, it is worth while looking at two important viewpoints recently disclosed in Britain. The first, that of a special committee of the Trades Union Congress which is representative of the majority of British trade unions, is that of the workers. The second, that of Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, can be interpreted as the Government view.

The Trades Union Congress is quite clear about wages. It would be impracticable and undesirable to impose specific limits and restrictions on wage increases. In other words there should be no pegging of wages, which should be left to the system of voluntary collective bargaining which has worked well so far, and Government should continue the cost of living subsidies.

Inflation, or the problem of keeping prices stable while there are shortages, should be dealt with by controlling prices and distribution of essential and scarce commodities, and restraining by taxation and the encouragement of voluntary savings the pressure of money on other scarce commodities which are difficult to control.

Sir Stafford Cripps has taken the view that rising prices and wages are an acute danger which will inevitably result in uncontrolled and disastrous inflation. The true way to improve living standards, he claims, is so to increase productive efficiency that prices can be reduced while maintaining wage levels. Quite apart from the salutary internal effect this would have of making wages more valuable in terms of goods, it is the only way in which Britain can maintain her competitive position in world trade. Prices are of course the key, and taking the world as a whole there is no doubt that the general level is rising too fast and too far.

There can be little objection to comparatively high prices providing the rise is more or less uniform and there is stabilization at a practical level. It is the continued "up and up" which is the worry particularly for Britain and Europe. Without prompt stabilization of prices it is certain that a substantial part of the benefits of the Marshall Plan of aid for Europe will be wiped out before the money is received. Britain has already had one costly experience with the United States loan—between negotiating it and last July prices rose against her by 28 per cent.

The cost of raw materials and food is the prime determinant in most current price calculations. And the main fact is that almost without exception every item is rising, often at a hectic pace. In the case of Britain the authorities have struggled persistently to stabilize and even reduce prices. Unfortunately, as an importer of most raw materials and a great deal of food, control has been largely outside the British sphere. Taking 1938 as 100 the price index number of food, drink and tobacco imports now stands at 239 and raw materials have climbed to the height of 295!

As a manufacturing country Britain suffers from the inevitable time lag in closing the gap between rises in raw materials prices and those of goods. This is made clear by the trend of import and export prices over the 12 months to November last. With the base year 1938 as 100, the Board of Trade index of import prices was 217 in November, 1946, and 259 in November, 1947, a rise of 42 points. The export index, on the other hand, rose in the same period by only 23 points from 207 to 230. Unless a prompt stop is put to the world rise in prices, 1948 can easily be a year of trouble and chaos. The red light is

THE CHINA MAIL, SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1948.

NEW PHASE IN
INDO-CHINA

By Harold King

Paris, Jan. 22. The return to Indo-China of the French High Commissioner, M. Emile Bollaert, after exhaustive talks with the ex-Emperor of Annam, Bao Dai, in Geneva, marks a new stage in the long drawn-out attempts to re-establish peace in Indo-China.

The negotiations with the ex-Emperor have not had the speed results which certain quarters predicted, but they appear to have prepared the ground for gradual evolution towards a state of affairs in which French interests and Indo-Chinese national aspirations can hope to find common satisfaction.

War weariness is spreading increasingly through the three provinces of Tonkin, Annam and Cochinchina, and the popularity of the Communist-Nationalist leader, Dr. Ho Chi-Minh, who declared war on France in December, 1946, has steadily declined, according to reliable reports from Indo-China itself.

The military situation in the north where the anti-French revolt broke

out—is reported to have greatly improved in favour of the French, but this is to some extent offset by a worsening of the position in the rich food-supplying regions of Cochinchina, where guerrilla warfare has been increasing.

The French Government is prepared to grant the fullest Vietnamese (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) independence compatible with Indo-China forming part of the French Union as defined under the French Constitution.

Vexed Question

On the vexed question of allowing Cochinchina to link up with Tonkin and Annam in a Vietnamese Republic, the French Government would probably be prepared to give the Nationalists full satisfaction, especially if the latter were represented by some one or some party whose signature to any agreement could be regarded as permanent.

Any question of treating with Dr.

Ho Chi Minh seems to be completely excluded. His doctrinal position and other loyalties are, it is felt in Paris, bound to lead him to regard any agreement as purely temporary and opportunist, and as being merely a stepping stone to further demands.

This would definitely not be the case if an official agreement were signed with the ex-Emperor, Bao Dai, who is now enjoying a rest at his property at Cannes, south of France, where he is also having treatment by an eye specialist.

But before any progress can be made with the ex-Emperor, he must first of all regain representative status in Indo-China.

Time Needed

This will require time, and action on the part of his partisans at home. Various demonstrations in his favour have already taken place.

While the prospects of an eventual agreement are regarded in Paris as hopeful, and the general effect of French policy in Indo-China in the past two years has tended to re-establish French prestige, the diplomatic task facing the French is a delicate and subtle one.

The ex-Emperor, by the very fact of his greater moderation and fundamental friendliness towards France, has much better chances of getting more favourable terms from the French than Dr. Ho Chi Minh ever had.

But, at the same time, every time the negotiations reach a climax, the ex-Emperor tends to stiffen his conditions.

Two points on which the French Government is determined not to give way are those of an independent Indo-Chinese diplomatic representation abroad, and on the right of the French Army to move freely inside Indo-China.

The French viewpoint is that under the French Union Constitution all members of the Union—Indo-China included if an agreement is reached—are Frenchmen, and therefore have the right to attain any official post or position in the Empire. This, the French consider, takes care of the diplomatic question.

Army Mobility

For similar constitutional reasons, they could not admit the principle that any army forming part of the French Union should be excluded from any part of the Union.

At Geneva, it is understood, the ex-Emperor urged that the Vietnam Republic should be represented independently at the United Nations.

This is a relatively new demand, and is an example of the increase of the stakes as the bargaining reaches its mature stage.

While the ex-Emperor has French support, it is also believed in Paris that he has the support of the United States, and it is not impossible that he may be tempted to play off one against the other during the coming months.

Meanwhile, it would be premature to expect any very rapid "solution" of the Indo-Chinese question. It has still to be proved that the ex-Emperor can re-establish himself in Indo-China, and this is a process which, in the best of circumstances, must take some time.

There is talk in Paris of officials of General Charles Mast, the former French Resident General in Tunisia, replacing the present High Commissioner for Indo-China, M. Bollaert, but no official comment on this report is available.—Reuter.

In spite of such conditions, known or known to all the country, there is a steady and

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner

Beggars Are Coming
To London Town
By Glanville Carew

London, Jan. 9. For thirty years before the Spanish Armada visited our shores, or rather, our coasts in 1588 and was most dismally received, and for fifteen years after the winds of heaven and the guns of English ships had sent the Spanish galleons to Davy Jones's Locker, Elizabeth Tudor, otherwise "Good Queen Bess," otherwise "Gloria," otherwise "The Virgin Queen" sat upon the throne.

She spent much of her time in her 45 years' reign giving orders of one sort and another and it is recorded that as a rule, though not always, what Elizabeth said went. Among many other things she decreed that London was to grow no larger. Nevertheless it grew and grew and now, nearly three-and-a-half centuries after she died in 1603, London still persists in growing.

10,000,000 People

Today, despite Elizabeth's edict and despite the enthusiastic subsequent support of her wishes by one Adolf Hitler, it is estimated (for want of an actual census) that London's population numbers more than ten millions and is still going strong and increasing by thousands every month.

So what is to be done? Here a city in which more than 10,000,000 of the total population (less, it is put, outside of 46,000,000) of England, Scotland and Wales are crowded. A city whose housing accommodation has been heavily reduced during the war years by the destruction of damage 800,000 houses, of which destruction and damage not all, not even nearly all, has been restored. Nor can it be restored for years to come.

In spite of such conditions, known or known to all the country, there is a steady and continuous trend towards London from the provinces. At bottom, apart from the present effect of the unsettled conditions of today, two legends may be responsible: "The streets of London are paved with gold"; "O, lights of London Town—what fortunes lie within you—oh lights of London Town!"

The authorities are perturbed. What is to become of these people? Where can they be housed? Can London soon absorb them in industry? Even in this day of shortage of labour it seems doubtful. In the last resort it may be that the only remedy, until the times alter, will be wholesale transference of great numbers of people from London to the more industrial areas of the Midlands and the North.

Material difficulties would be enormous but even assuming it to be a practicable and effective move it would probably be so strenuously resisted if used on a large scale that the last state of things might well be worse than the first.

Vagrancy

Yet, unless the additional and increasing population can be absorbed reasonably quickly it looks certain that a great number of even the best of its units—say nothing of the weaker elements—must gradually but inevitably sink into a state of vagrancy.

It is a long time since vagrancy became common in this country. The word itself was used officially 400 years ago in 1547. About that time, because of a general dislocation of the life of the country, it was reported that such a horde of beggars (vagrants) was approaching London that the Corporation was apprised of it and beadle's were appointed to watch for them.

In the 18th century Blackstone, the famous lawyer, referred to these people as "Such as wake on the night and sleep on the day and haunt customary taverns and alehouses and roustabout and no man not from whence they come ne'whither they go."

The workless vagrant is not, essentially a beggar but may easily become one.

It was such pilgrimages of swarms of homeless unemployed vagrants looking for places to lay their heads and for work to do in an already over-crowded city which gave birth to the once topical and by no means pointless nursery rhyme which (perhaps aptly) has survived for centuries:

"The beggars are coming to London Town."

Anzio Feat
Recalled

Grimsby, Jan. 22. Miss Sheila Margaret Greaves, daughter of the Bishop of Grimsby, Dr. A. J. Greaves, who was awarded the George Medal for her work among the wounded at Anzio, Italy, in 1944, is to marry Major Humphrey F. W. Fox, Royal Artillery, of Nutley, Sussex.

Their engagement was announced today.

As a nursing sister in the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Miss Greaves was at the casualty clearing station and reception camp at Anzio when enemy aircraft machine-gunned and bombed the area. When bombs hit the reception camp tents 200 yards away she raced to the spot despite a second wave of attackers, and tended the wounded.—Reuter.

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At the third table, East made a different move after the first three tricks in the minors. He decided after the club A lead to the third trick that South could well have four clubs and wish to ruff two of them; that if South had any heart at all the defense could not be deprived of its trick with the A. So there could be little chance of loss by sacrificing the certain trick available with the spade K. He therefore led the spade 10, which South won with the J. Now the only way South could ruff a single club trick would be with the A. That would set up East's K for a trick and also leave South in a losing club, setting the contract. It worked out just as East foresaw. Would you have foreseen that play, and made it?

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UNITED STATES OF EUROPE LOOMS IN NEW BEVIN PLAN

Cooperation Of Western Seaboard Countries

Blunt Comment On Russian Expansionism

Talks on a union of Western Europe have already begun. The countries immediately concerned are Britain, France, Holland, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Announcing this in the House of Commons tonight, Mr. Ernest Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, urged that the overseas territories of these countries should be brought within this union so that "this tremendous cooperation would stretch through Europe, the Middle East and Africa to the Far East."

Italy and "other historic European countries" would have to be associated, he declared.

Before making this important disclosure, Mr. Bevin, warning Russia that "it is dangerous to international affairs to play with fire", had said: "Nothing the Government does now will be directed against the Soviet Union or any other country, but we are entitled to organise kindred souls in the West just as they have organised kindred souls in the East."

"I hope," he said, "that treaties will be signed with our near neighbours, the Benelux countries, making with France an important nucleus in Western Europe."

Turning to organisation in support of the Western Union, Mr. Bevin said: "I would emphasise that I am not concerned only with Europe as a geographical conception. Europe has extended its influence throughout the world and we have to look further afield."

"In the first place, we turn our eyes to Africa, where great responsibilities are shared by us with South Africa, France, Belgium and Portugal, and equally in all overseas territories, especially in South East Asia, with which the Dutch are closely concerned."

"The Western organisation of Europe must be economically supported. That involves the closest possible collaboration with the Commonwealth and overseas territories of not only the British but the French, Dutch, Belgian and Portuguese territories overseas."

"These territories are large primary producers and are capable of great development. They have raw materials, food and resources which can be turned to very great mutual advantage, both to the people in the territory itself, to Europe, and to the world as a whole."

No Need For Conflict

The Foreign Secretary said there was no need for conflict in this matter with the other two great powers, the United States and Soviet Russia, which have tremendous resources.

"It is essential," he said, "if Western Europe is going to meet its balance of payments and to get a world equilibrium, that these resources should be developed and made available and the exchange carried out between them in a correct and proper manner."

Mr. Bevin, who was opening a two-day debate on foreign affairs, had begun by saying that he realised that decisions taken now would be vital to the future peace of the world.

Speaking of Russian expansion since the war, he said the British Government had looked upon the solution of Poland, reached at Yalta, as a "sensible compromise between conflicting elements", but there was no doubt that it had "revealed a policy on the part of the Soviet Union to use every means in their power to get Communist control in Eastern Europe and, as it now appears, in the West as well."

Matters Little

He went on: "It therefore matters little how we temporise and maybe appease or try to make arrangements. It has been quite clear, I think, that the Communist process goes ruthlessly on in each country."

"We have seen the game played out in Poland, Bulgaria, Hungary, and, more recently, in Rumania. From information in our possession, other attempts may be made elsewhere."

"This issue is not simply the organisation of Poland or any other country, but the control of Eastern Europe by Soviet Russia, whose frontiers therefore have, in fact, been advanced, to Stettin, Trieste, and the Elbe."

"The time has come to find ways and means to develop our relations with the Benelux countries. We are to begin talks with these countries in close concord with our French allies. Yesterday, our representatives in Brussels, The Hague and Luxembourg were instructed to propose such talks in consultation with their French colleagues."

"In no case would there be an exclusive effort, but done with the object of making the whole world richer and safer," he declared, in dealing with the development of overseas territories.

Not Satisfied

Referring to Russian expansion, he added: "Yet the evidence is that Soviet Russia is not satisfied with this tremendous expansion."

"In Greece, it had been assumed that the United States and Britain would get tired and the so-called

"This is rather unpalatable for me to have to do but the world will never get right unless they see the thing in all its nakedness."

The formation of a united Western Europe would have to be done one step at a time because they were dealing with free nations.

"It must be on terms of equality and must contain all the elements of freedom."

"If the present division of Europe continues, it will be by the will of the Soviet Government. Such a division would be inconsistent with the statements of the highest Soviet authorities and of Marshal Stalin himself."

Mr. Eden

Mr. Anthony Eden, for the Conservatives, declared that the policy of the Foreign Secretary had "outlined the best hope of restoring European political stability and thus providing a basis for ensuring peace."

"Mr. Bevin's proposals are constructive and a menace to no one, while showing in unmistakable terms for our own determination to maintain our own way of life and to join with like minded people for that purpose."

There were two very serious immediate threats to peace, Mr. Eden continued.

The first was the violence of Communist propaganda and action in countries like Greece, which might set Europe alight.

The second was that the Western democracies might fail to rebuild

Women Prefer Cigarettes

Birmingham, Jan. 22. Women prisoners in Birmingham Gaol are passing up their recently granted privilege of buying make-up. A prison report said recently that 90 of every 100 women prisoners preferred to spend their pocket money on cigarettes, instead.—United Press.

properly even with the aid of the Marshall Plan.

He warned the Government not to attempt to build the unity of Western Europe on the basis of socialism. There must be room for all parties.

Power Politics

Mr. Zilliacus, the Left-wing Labour Member, feared the organisation of Western Europe on the basis of the Marshall Plan was part of a wider policy of a return to power politics.

He asked the Government to consider inviting the Scandinavian countries, the Benelux Union and France to send delegates elected by proportional representation to meet similarly elected delegates in Britain to discuss this projected union.

He did not suggest that Britain should reject the Marshall Plan, but feared that it would be a disastrous failure unless accompanied by a different attitude to the Soviet Union and other Eastern European countries.

Mr. John L. Lawson, former Labour Secretary for War, hoped people abroad realised that Mr. Zilliacus spoke only for an insignificant number of people in this country.

Mr. Vernon Bartlett, Independent, urged the need to incorporate Western Germany in the new Western European union. No patriotic German, he said, wanted a puppet state.

—Reuter.

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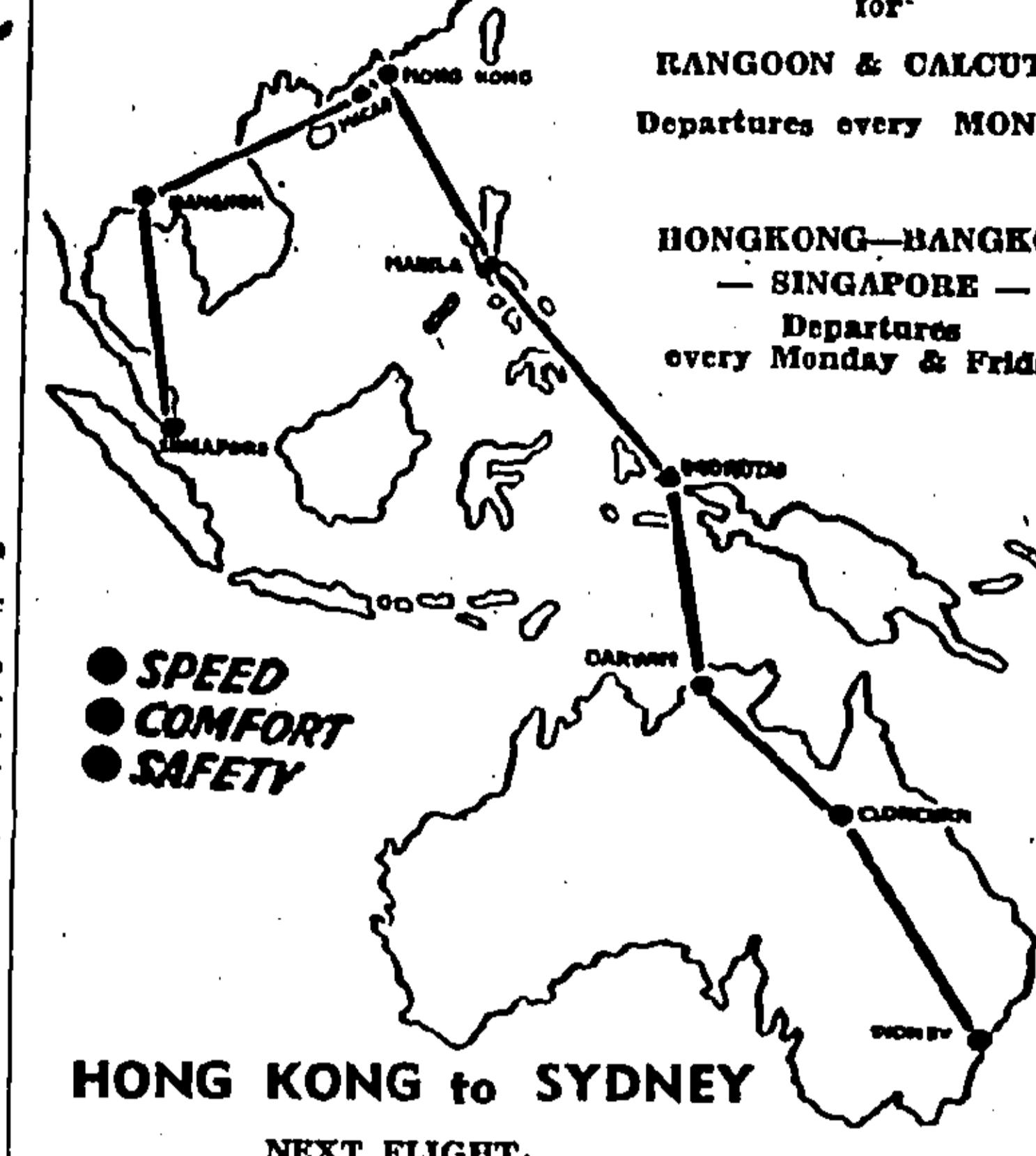
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Mr. Frederick Mysberg, the 63-year old manager of the concern, stated in the Shanghai High Court yesterday afternoon during his trial.

He argued that certain countries, such as Norway, Denmark, France and Italy, would not be in a strong enough position to go to the defence of any other of the 16 Marshall Plan nations if attacked and most of them would therefore refuse to sign such a pact.

French Caution

Mr. Bevin's policy statement was seen in Paris tonight as sign of a coordinated Anglo-American diplomatic campaign.

The British Foreign Minister's speech was presumed to have been made after consultations with the United States Government.

It was seen in responsible Paris political and press circles as a warning to Soviet Russia that the Western Allies did not propose to allow the development of a one-sided influence over Europe with out an organised and coordinated effort to maintain the balance.

—Reuter.



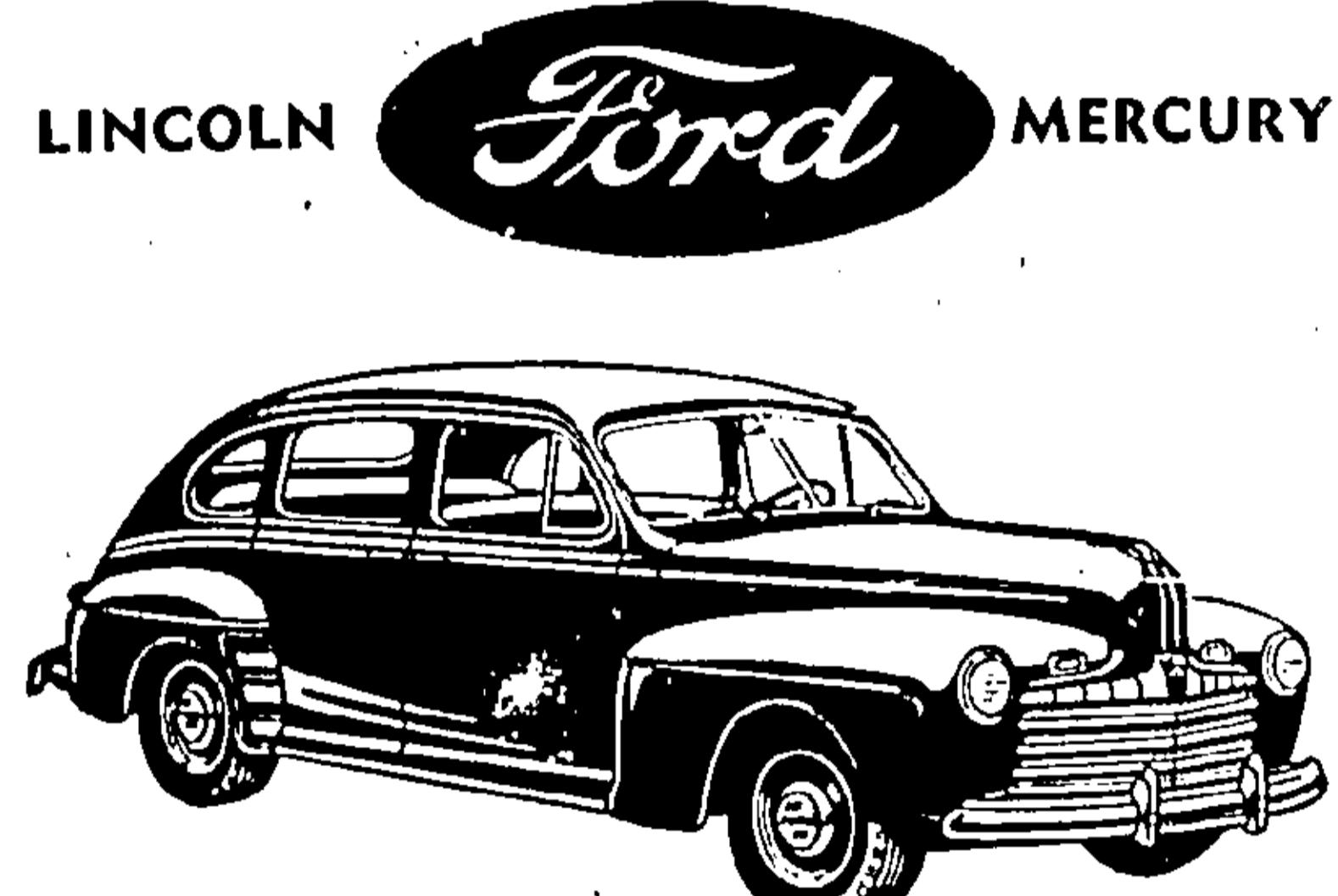
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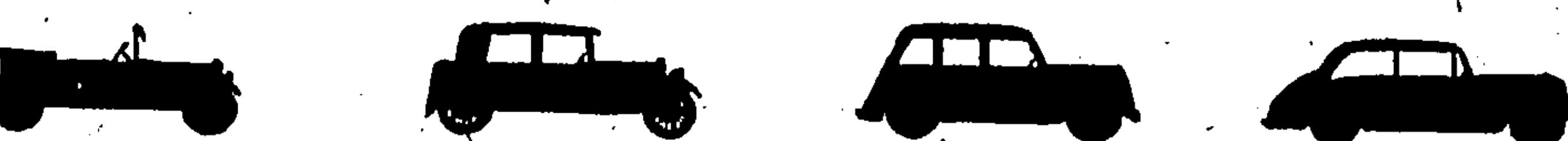


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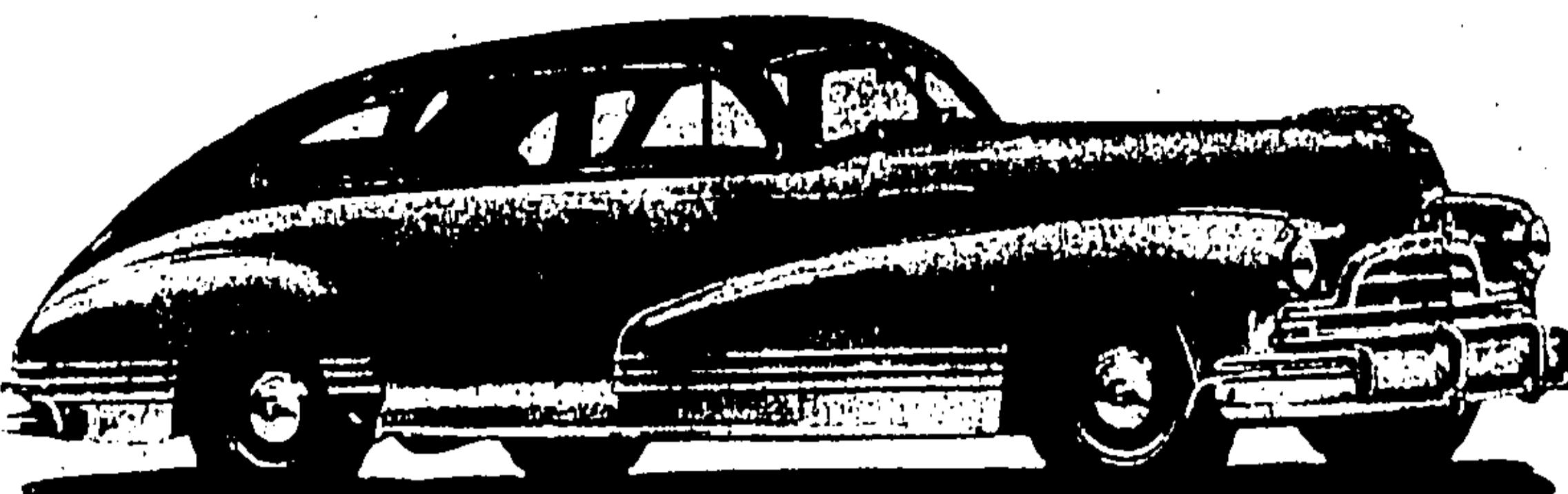
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

Pontiac Streamliner



The Pontiac 28 "Streamliner" 8-cylinder model is the first of the post-war American cars to be given a thorough road-test by the "China Mail." It was almost inevitable, therefore, that throughout the run one tended to make comparisons with its lighter European cousins. This was really fair to neither, of course, as each has been made with somewhat different ends in view.

The first impression, naturally, was one of size. The Americans put much larger and roomier bodies on their cars for a very little increase in wheelbase. The Pontiac is quite a big car even for an American 8-cylinder, and it seems enormous after the British 10 and 12 h.p. models. The front, bench seat will accommodate three comfortably, for instance, and the back four with a slight squeeze.

Ahead of the V-windscreen is a large, gleaming bonnet (hood) which spreads out almost at once to the maximum width of the engine compartment. The model tested was fitted with left-hand drive and it was impossible to see the outside wings (fenders) or, indeed, more than an inch or two beyond the centre-line of the bonnet.

A good view of the near-side wing is provided, however, and, curiously enough, no difficulty with the outside "blind spot" was experienced. It might be useful to have one of those wing indicator gadgets fitted if the car is to be manoeuvred a lot in congested quarters, but otherwise the experienced driver should find no difficulty in gauging the width of his vehicle.

Incidentally, there's a lot to be said for left-hand drive on the winding hill-roads of this Colony. For one thing, it removes the temptation to encroach on the wrong side of the road on corners. The antithesis of road-hogging is to be seen when two left-hand-drive cars approach each other—there's never any edging over the centre-line of the road!

Radio

The other initial impression is not unaturally provided by what the Americans call the instrument panel and the British the dashboard (old) or facia (new). There is certainly more chromium plate than to be found on the European counterpart and "Fortune" Magazine's quip about "Shiny before Wurlitzer organ springs" irresistibly to mind. This impression was enhanced during the test when the built-in radio—extremely powerful and of excellent tone—was switched on and a snappy bit of accordion playing was wafted on the air!

Seriously, though, the Pontiac facia is by no means garish and the colour combination is quite attractive. As this was the de luxe model, it was fitted with the special steering wheel, with "T-shaped" spokes; the aforementioned radio; a large clock; and Pontiac's "Ventil-Heat" heater, complete with its own control panel. This is thermostatically controlled and provides fresh air and heat at the temperature desired.

The speedometer, incidentally, is calibrated in kilometres and touches the 150 mark (93½ miles an hour). It is extremely doubtful if the average driver will get more than a little over half-way up the dial, and it would be interesting to speculate on whether or not the higher readings (in figures, that is) provided by a k.p.h.-calibrated speedometer contribute to lessening a tendency to speed.

After all, 64 kilometres an hour "feels" a great deal faster than its equivalent of 40 miles an hour!

Performance

Performance is all that is to be expected of a 103 brake horse-power 8-cylinder engine. Unless the car is brought to an almost dead stop, the average driver could leave it in top and forget about the intermediate gear-ratios. From a crawl in top, it responds quickly to pressure on the accelerator pedal without a murmur, even on the low-grade petrol which is the local motorist's lot.

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The New "Dolo"

A new French car, which has seats enclosed by a transparent domed hood, similar to that on fighter aircraft, made its debut at the 34th motor salon which opened at the Grand Palais in Paris. The car is the "Dolo," designed by an aircraft engineer of that name.

It is a two-seater, in aerodynamic form and, with an engine of only 596 c.c., has a top speed of 75 m.p.h. The selling price has not yet been fixed, but M. Dolo believes it will be about £250.

Some representatives of British car manufacturers heard adverse criticism of their cars at the salon. With few exceptions, body-styling is consider-

Spot-News From The Factories At Home

FORD PILOT

An announced in this column last week, the Ford V-8 "Pilot" will now be available at H.M.s. only with the 3.6-litre engine and not the 2½-litre. Ford announce, however, that the price will remain unchanged at £585 (plus £103½ purchase tax) for the saloon with cloth upholstery. When equipped with leather upholstery the total price is £755 19s. 4d.

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Neither the Aston-Martin nor the Lagonda are yet on the market. Both marques have been taken over by the David Brown Tractor Group of Huddersfield, and should soon be in production. The former will probably be a worthy successor to the famous pre-war 2-litre Aston, while the latter will be the long-awaited twin-cam 2.0-litre model.

THE MINX

The 1948 model Hillman Minx is now in production. One of Britain's favourite small cars, noted for its chunky performance, the Minx is an improved model on its great predecessors. Improvements include synchromesh gear-change with shift on the steering column; Lockheed hydraulic two-leading-shoe brakes; and fresh styling both within and without. List prices at Home, with purchase tax in brackets, are:—Saloon, £105 (£107 13s. 11d.); Drophead coupe, £435 (£421 11s. 8d.); and Utility, £485 (£435 9s. 5d.).

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An average group of British cars, according to a writer in "The Motor" magazine, would give the mean as a 18½-cwt vehicle of 39 BHP and with a speed of 64½ miles an hour.



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Designed for world markets, the all-steel 1½-litre Jowett Javelin will soon be coming overseas. Its overall length is only 14 feet, thanks to the compactness of its 50 BHP flat-four engine, which makes generous passenger space available within an 8 ft. 6 in. wheelbase. Tested by the "Motor," the Jowett Javelin turned in the highly creditable figure of 29 miles to the gallon at 60 miles an hour!

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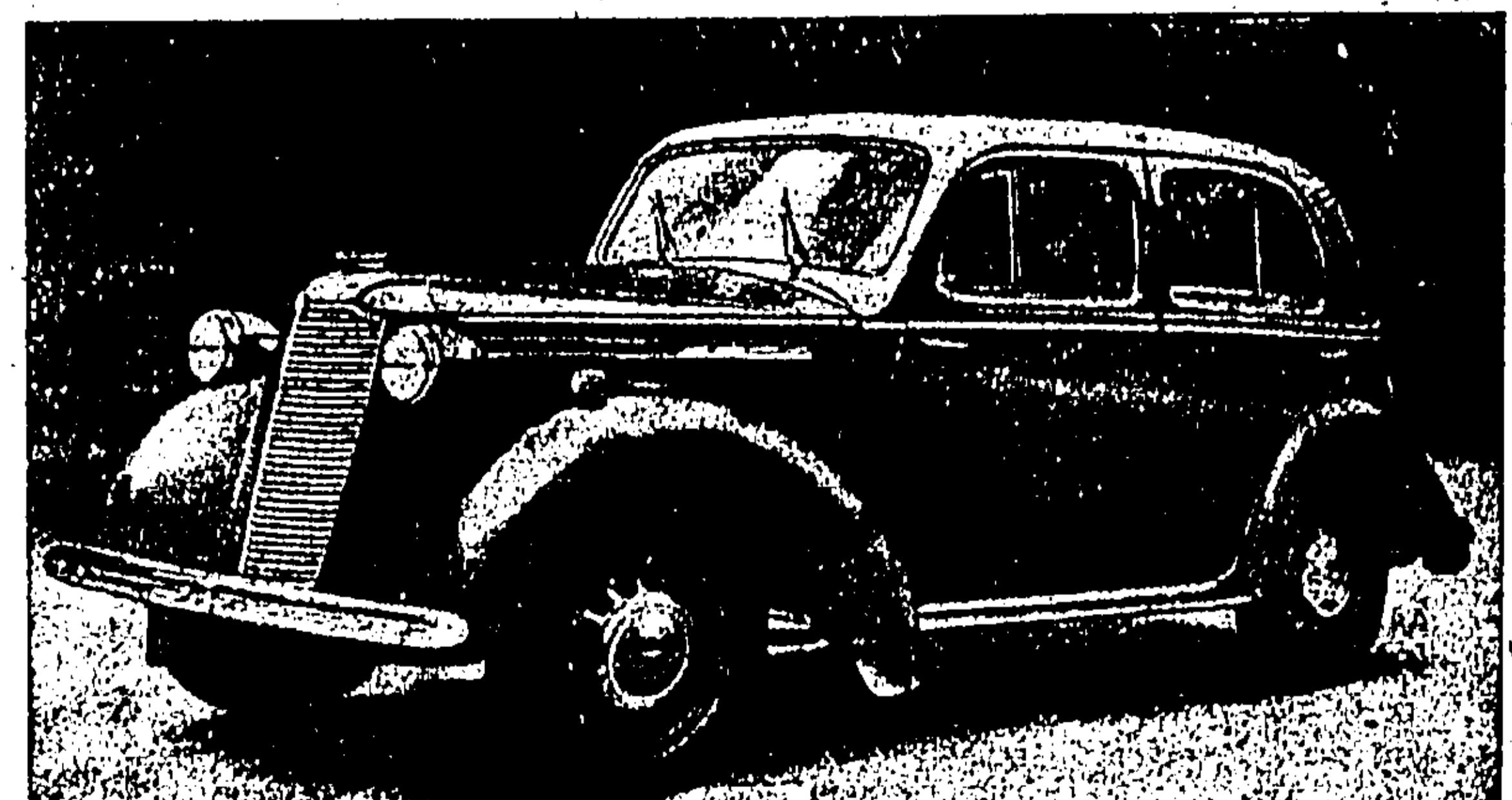
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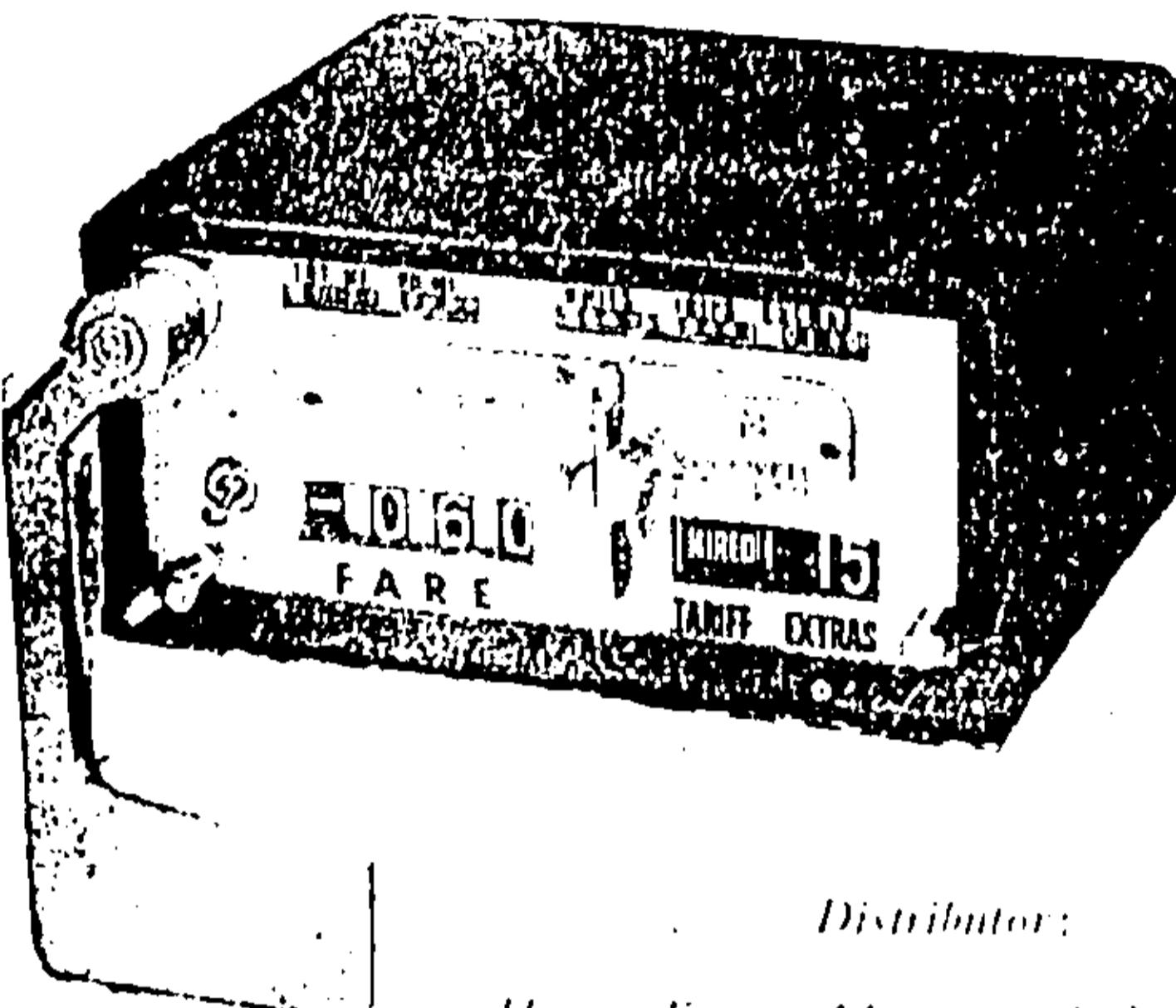
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**Death
Sentences**

Melbourne, Jan. 22. Army headquarters said tonight that six former Japanese civilian guards had been sentenced to be hanged for beating, maltreating and torturing prisoners of war at the Maotsu camp near Tokyo. Another was sentenced to 46 years in prison.—Associated Press.

**London Receives
News Calmly**

Baghdad, Jan. 22. The Prime Minister of Iraq, Sayed Salem Jabr, now on his way home from Britain, where he signed the new 20-year Anglo-Iraqi treaty, has been summoned to Baghdad immediately, it was reported shortly after last night's announcement that Iraq did not intend to ratify the pact.

A statement from the Royal Palace said a meeting, headed by the Regent, Emir Abdul Ilah, and the Crown Prince, had decided that the treaty did not realise the national aims of Iraq.

The Iraqi Premier is expected to give a binding position within three days.

"The Regent promised that as long as the treaty is not ratified by Parliament, there shall be no ratification of any treaty that does not realise the country's rights and national demands," the statement said.

Also present at the meeting were former Premiers, the President of Parliament, Senators, Elder statesmen and political leaders.

The Palace meeting came a few days after the demonstrations which had occurred in Baghdad against the treaty.

The treaty provides for close military and economic cooperation between the two countries in peace and war. It replaced the 1930 treaty and is for a period of 20 years with the right of renegotiation after 15 years.

In London, the Royal announcement was received calmly in the Foreign Office in London last night.

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November exports totalled more than CN\$1,500,000 millions compared with the October figure of CN\$530,000 millions.

Imports for the same period were slightly more than CN\$1,500,000 millions in November compared with CN\$746,000 millions in October.

The main importer of China products continued to be the United States, which imported CN\$490,000 millions worth. The next biggest were Hong Kong with CN\$35,000 millions and India with CN\$9,000 millions.

The United States continued in November to be the best seller to China. Chinese imports from United States in November were valued at CN\$780,000 millions followed by import from India valued at CN\$229,000 millions and from Britain CN\$123,000 millions.—United Press.

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**Income
Tax Cut
Proposal**

Washington, Jan. 22. Senator Robert A. Taft said he would favour the \$5,600,000,000 Knutson income tax cut bill if Government finances "will support it."

Taft and most Senate leaders withheld any rigid tax commitment, however, until they get a better idea of how much the Government will spend in the next fiscal year.

The entire question of Government spending for the 1949 fiscal year is up for study as 102-member joint legislative committee met to start overhauling President Truman's \$39,668,000,000 budget proposal.

Chairman John Taber of the House Appropriations Committee demanded a budget slash of up to \$5,000,000,000, and said this would enable Congress to approve the Knutson bill and still pare \$4,800,000,000 off the national debt.—United Press.

**China's
Foreign Policy**

Shanghai, Jan. 23. Dr. Tu Yung-tan, China's first Ambassador to Burma, revealed here last night that President Chiang Kai-shek had told him the key points of China's foreign policy towards neighbouring countries were the promotion of friendly relations and the extension of assistance to enable them to attain freedom and independence.

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China's Economic Mission
In Washington

Washington, Jan. 22. Members of the Chinese mission, headed by Pei Tsu-yi, were entertained today by the Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs (Mr. Willard Thorpe).

The Chinese officials had "no doubt" the United States Government intended to advance a plan for aid to China and other parts of the world, but that he did not feel it should be made part of the Marshall Plan at present under consideration.

"I believe this programme should be geographically limited," said Mr. Patterson. "I know Congress will be concerned, and properly so, with economic problems in other parts of the world. But recovery of Europe is sufficient responsibility for any one agency. We recommended therefore, that aid for other areas be handled in separate legislation that can more adequately take into account the distinctive conditions of those areas."—United Press.

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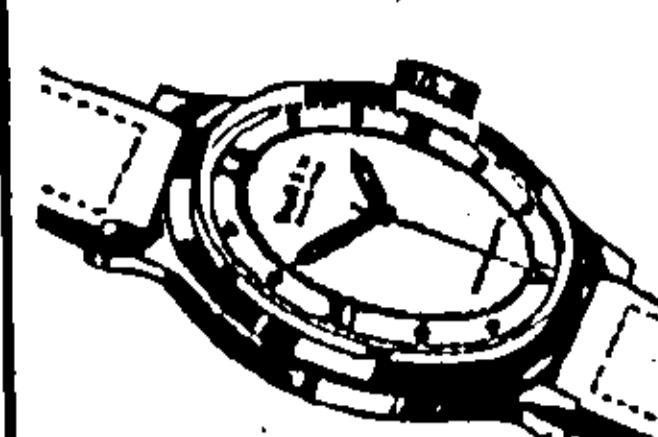
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LAST DAY OF RACES Champions Today's Big Event

The 1948 Annual Racing Carnival under the auspices of the Hong Kong Jockey Club will be brought to a conclusion this afternoon.

There are 11 events on the programme, the most important of which is the Champion Stakes, confined to Australian Ponies, and the Plaid Ponies, at the Race Meeting, since Sept. 1, 1947.

The First Saddling Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m., with the first race starting at 12.30 p.m. on sharp.

It is hoped that the weather will be fine and with the track still on the hard side there is every reason to anticipate that the various events will be keenly contested.

First Race
Hay and Corn Stakes (First Section)—Half a Mile.

The programme opens with a sprint race for Australian Subs, the winner, judged from the performances during the three days of the Carnival, I think the race should be decided between the following:—Kentucky Moon (Mr. S.W. Tang), Sunbeam (Mr. T.S. Leung), Tipper (Mr. B.L. Tang) and Queen of Hearts (Mr. V.V. Needell). In the Wongneichong Stakes (Second Section) over the distance, on the first day of the Carnival, Kentucky Moon came second and will naturally command strong support. Queen of Hearts was third and should not be disregarded as this pony is a horse over this distance. Sunbeam, second in the Valley Stakes (First Section), may find the distance a bit too short for its liking. I cannot see it winning but may be placed. Tipper, when was third, is well suited for the distance and a win here would not be surprising.

Second Race
Consolation Stakes (First Section)—One Mile.

In this race for the Second Batch of 1948 Subs, that have not won, weight 147 lbs., the likely winner should come from one of the following:—Primer (Mr. Needell), Big Shot (Mr. Tung), Autumn Leaf (Mr. Shieh), Prince Delight, judgment upon its run in the Trial Plate, should have no difficulty in the race. Breckham is the only danger otherwise. I cannot see anything to touch it. Big Shot cannot expect to do better than third place, and Autumn Leaf is good as an outsider.

Third Race
Hong Kong Handicap—One And A Half Miles.

This event is confined to "B" Class Australian Ponies. After his win in the P. & O. Cup over the Champion distance Fifth Alarm (Mr. Boycott) has been penalised by 15 lbs. and as Fifth Alarm is, and in spite of the fact that it is in tip-top condition, I doubt if it can win over this distance with 15 lbs. penalty, but it will probably be placed. Piggy will again be ridden by Mr. Tang, with 152 lbs. to carry and in view of the longer distance I think it ought to win. Rose Enme (Mr. Ostromoff) is, of course, the danger, and I expect to see it fighting out the finish. Sunlight (Mr. Moller) also in the race, may provide an upset.

Fourth Race
Alt Out Stakes—One And A Quarter Miles.

This is the final event of the Carnival and among the ponies entered that the following are undoubtedly the best:—Fluke Shot (Mr. Tung), Pacific (Mr. S.W. Tang), Kwong Ming (Mr. K.F. Chiu) and Sibber (Mr. Ostromoff). Fluke Shot is probably a little better than the others in view of its third place in the Racing Stakes (First Section) over the mile, but Pacific has been making gradual improvement and may create a surprise. Kwong Ming which ran a good fourth in the Tien-tsin Stakes (First Section) over the two mile post must be considered. Sibber started badly but was never in the picture. It should be watched over this distance and a win is not altogether out of the question.

Fifth Race
Hay and Corn Stakes (Second Section)—Half A Mile.

This is another sprint event in which Rife (Mr. K.F. Chiu) should be prominent at the finish. In view of the opposition, it should not be fully extended, except perhaps, by Constant Star (Mr. Needell). Domino (Mr. Ostromoff) should be placed and Windermer (Mr. Yuen) may be worth following as an outsider.

Sixth Race
Champion Stakes—One And A Quarter Miles.

This is the main event of the day, but it will be robbed of a good deal of interest due to the 1948 Hong Kong Derby Winner, Ataman, will not appear I understand, because its stable connections are reserving it for the eighth race, the Pearce Memorial Cup, in order to win the cup from its inception for the sake of Mr. N. Tukkin, trainer of Ataman, who was an old trainer of

Princess Elizabeth at Bucking-ham Place, today watched the packing of food parcels which she is sending to old pensioners and war widows with young children. —Reuter.

Selections For Today

(By "Rapier")

Race No. 1
KENTUCKY MOON
SAPIENTIA
TRIPOLI
Outsider:—Queen of Hearts.

Race No. 2
PRINCE DELIGHT
BECKENHAM
BIG SHOT
Outsider:—Autumn Leaf.

Race No. 3
PEGGY
ROSE ENME
FIFTH ALARM
Outsider:—Sunlight.

Race No. 4
PEARL DIVER
BLUE SKY
HARVARD
Outsider:—Amigo.

Race No. 5
RIFLE
CONSTANT STAR
DOMINO
Outsider:—Windermer.

Race No. 6
KORSE QUEEN
DAISY BELL
SIANNON
Outsider:—Sookunpoo.

Race No. 7
ANTHONY
DESERT KNIGHT
ARCTIC
Outsider:—Trade Wind.

Race No. 8
ATAMAN
SORCERER
NORSE PRINCESS
Outsider:—Dominion Day.

Race No. 9
ARLINGTON
DING HOW
SIAHIN
Outsider:—Flying Jib.

Race No. 10
LANA
BELLE FONTAINE
INGRID
Outsider:—Strathnara.

Race No. 11
FLUKE SHOT
PACIFIC
KWONG MING
Outsider:—Sibber.

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